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JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT

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DEPOSITORY

Mr. WHITTEN, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 540, which was jointly referred on February 27, 1986, to the Committees on Appropriations, Foreign Affairs, and Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence]

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 540) approving the additional authority and assistance for the Nicaraguan democratic resistance requested by the President, unfavorably reports the same to the House of Representatives with the recommendation that the joint resolution not pass.

The Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985 (Public Law 99-88), and the International Security and Development Cooperation Act, 1985 (Public Law 99-83), contain special procedures for dealing with a request of the President for assistance to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance, commonly known as the Contras.

On February 26, 1986, the President submitted to the Congress a request (H. Doc. 99-169) for additional authority and assistance for the Contras in accordance with these procedures. The President's message requested the waiver of restrictions on aid to the Contras and a transfer of $100,000,000 previously appropriated to the Department of Defense to be used by the Contras, of which $30,000,000 would be for humanitarian aid and the remainder, $70,000,000, would be used as determined by the President.

On February 27, 1986, House Joint Resolution 540, in conformance with the special procedures, was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Robert H. Michel for himself and Congressman John P. Murtha of Pennsylvania, and was referred to the Committees on Appropriations, Foreign Affairs, Armed Services and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The joint resolution reported by the Committee on Appropriations is in precise compliance with the procedures set forth in Public Law 99-88 and Public Law 99-83.

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Because portions of this request involve classified matters, the Committee recommends that the House consider a closed session during debate of this resolution, so that all Members may have access to all relevant information.

TRANSFERS OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES

In compliance with Rule X, Clause 1(b), the following is submitted showing the accounts from which the requested funds were proposed to be transferred:

Department of Defense:	*Millions*
Procurement of ammunition, Army fiscal years 1986–88	$30.0
Other procurement, Navy fiscal years 1986–88	31.5
Procurement, Marine Corps fiscal years 1986–88	3.5
Other procurement, Air Force fiscal years 1986–88	35.0
Total	100.0

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Clause 2(l)(4) of Rule XI of the House of Representatives requires that each Committee report on a bill or resolution shall contain a statement as to whether enactment of such bill or resolution would have an inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy.

Since the Committee is reporting the resolution adversely, no funds would be obligated as a consequence of the resolution. Thus, there would be no inflationary impact.

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